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SUBJECT: UK PROPOSAL FOR DEMARCHE TO EC REQUESTING BETTER
INFORMATION ON MATTERS AFFECTING BERLIN

REF: A) BONN 6960; B) BRUSSELS 7448

1. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE BRITISH PROPOSAL ON

KEEPING THE ALLIES BETTER INFORMED ON EC MATTERS AFFECTING BERLIN HAS MERIT AND THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT IT.

IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY THAT THE EC WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE ON POLITICAL ATTRIBUTES AND THAT THE BERLIN-EC RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST CONTENTIOUS BERLIN ISSUES WITH THE SOVIETS AS WELL AS A MATTER OF REAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF THE CITY. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE AND THE OTHER ALLIES WILL NEED TO BE ESPECIALLY WELL INFORMED ON ALL EC DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY IMPINGE ON ON ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN OR WHICH MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF ALLIED-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS.

2. WE APPROVE ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 18 OF REF. A. ON RECOMMENDATION D, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO BURDEN THE MISSIONS TO THE EC WITH MORE THAN IDENTIFYING ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COULD AFFECT ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION WOULD STILL REST WITH THE BONN GROUP. WE ENDORSE THE SUGGESTION IN REF B THAT THE BONN GROUP MISSIONS TO THE EC MEET PERIODICALLY AND INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS BERLIN-EC MATTERS AND BELIEVE THIS WOULD PROVIDE A FORUM FOR IDENTIFYING MATTERS WHICH SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BONN GROUP.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF OUR GENERAL APPROACH TO EC-BERLIN
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ISSUES, WE HAVE A LEGITIMATE AND DIRECT INTEREST IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE EC TO BERLIN. WE SHOULD NOT BE ENTIRELY PASSIVE ON THESE QUESTIONS AND SHOULD NOT ALWAYS DEFER TO THE JUDGMENT OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BONN GROUP. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO AVOID GETTING IN THE MIDDLE OF INTRA-EC DISPUTES, BUT WE SHOULD NOT BE RELUCTANT TO STATE OUR VIEWS ON QUESTIONS IN WHICH WE ARE PROPERLY INVOLVED.

4. BY WAY OF MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE, THE FOLLOWING ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE ISSUES IN WHICH THE US HAS A DIRECT INTEREST: THE APPLICATION TO BERLIN OF EC MEASURES WHICH MAY AFFECT ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES; THE PROCEDURES FOR TAKING OVER EC LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN BERLIN; THE SELECTION, STATUS, AND VOTING RIGHTS OF THE BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT; THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EC AND EC OFFICIALS IN THE CITY; AND EC ACTIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO PROVOKE SERIOUS SOVIET PROTESTS. WE SHOULD ALSO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE BONN GROUP STUDY ON THE EC-BERLIN RELATIONSHIP AND IN SEEING IT COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE DO NOT HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN SUCH MATTERS AS THE NEGOTIATING TACTICS ON THE INCLUSION OF

BERLIN IN THE AREA OF APPLICABILITY CLAUSES OF EC
TREATIES WITH THIRD PARTIES AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW
THE LEAD OF THE OTHERS ON THIS AND SIMILAR QUESTIONS.

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